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N. R. P. A

EDITORIAL NOTES.

** The New York legislature, Democratic, has increased the State taxation from \$1.93 to \$2.25 on the \$100 worth of property.

** What the last Congress didn't do would fill four books of 500 pages each, and it was a Democratic Con gress, too.

** The St. Louis Monitor has changed its form, bought a new outfit and is a handsome as it is good. We wish it continued prosperity.

** The failures continue. Nearly all of them are big ones. The little fellows have kicked the bucket and now the big ones are going.

** Some of the big fellows up North are wearing shoes that cost \$150 a pair. The authors of "Looking Backward" and Cæsar's Column" were not such fools after all.

** Watch for speakers' appoint ments in our columns. Spread the news among your neighbors and in duce them all to turn out, whether members of the Alliance or not.

** The National Live Stock Exhibition will be held in Washington, D. C., May 29th, to June 17th. H. E. Morely is Secretary, address Washington, who will give any information wanted.

** We call the attention of our exchanges to a number of special articles | man Black, of Georgia, and "imbecile" will soon appear in this paper. No doubt they will be worthy of reproduc-

*** Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest will deliver the annual address at the closing exercises of Candor Academy, May 25th. We are indebted to Mr. A. W. Dixon for an invitation to be present.

Washington Gazette, at home, was it?

** We have received a little book entitled "A Compendium and Question Book of Parliamentary Law," by Mrs. Lillian Cole Bethel, Columbus, Ohio. It gives, in condensed form, everything of practical value along this line. Price, in paper, 25 cents; leather, 40 cents.

** The Representative is a new Alli ance paper just started at St. Paul, Minn. It starts off well and doubtless will succeed. We are glad to note that press is the greatest need of the hour.

** Attention is called to the advertisement of Dr. J. H. Daniel, cancer preach such silly doctrine, however, specialist, which appears in this paper regularly. Any one thus afflicted will do you think a man ought to be allowed will not be many years before furni receive a very interesting pamphlet on cancer, its treatment and cure, by crazy? witting to Dr. Daniel, at Dunn, N. C.

this regestion: At the next meeting ture passed the bill repealing the Alii- few dollars thus expended would yield

of exercises for next meeting, select subjects for discussion, appoint members hidden purpo e, but "the best laid to read essays or selections from current economic literature. Intersperse the exercises with music if possible. In and their partisan work may yet act this way an interesting meeting can be

** Most of the County Alliances have already been reported for this paper, and reports will be published as fast as we can find space for them. We thank the brethren for responding so promptly and hope the few that are yet behind will come forward with rereports.

** There is one very striking feature about the revivals that are being held in many towns by evangelists. It is surprise to notice the large number of conversions and then see the small number of Christians that are turned out. But, then the evangelists are not always to blame.

** An exchange says it is now thought that there are 500,000,000 stars in the Milky Way. It used to be esti mated by astronomers that there were but 20,000,000. That is a right pert number, but not half as many as most of our members of Congress will seabout the 8th of November, 1894.

** Another trust has just been formed. It is leather this time and the capital of the various concerns is said traggregate \$125,000,000. Yet the 'sickly sentiment against trusts must be crushed out." No honest man ought advertisement in The Progressive to pay a cent to support papers that defends, or fails to persistently con demn trusts.

in Arkansas has written to Secretary Barnes twice relative to getting into hundred liberal papers and the avowed curtain, and in full glow of the coming | the Alliance. What are the Alliance | Alliance press, the papers of the coun sunset. Behind me are the shadows on officers doing in Arkansas? It would try have industriously labored to ridi seem that if they are not asleep they cule and slander it out of existence would not allow a club with 46 mem- | Campaigns and other periods when the bers to go outside the State for such information. Bro Morgan, where are

Sub-Alliance in Forsyth county tried and heavy inroads made, but soon the to have a meeting recently and only three members turned out. With the usual display of spleen and desire to misrepresent, the political press are telling that 'the Alliance has gone down in Forsyth county." Forsyth is watched closer and hated more corhas many true members and active dially by the plutocrats and other peo Sub Alliances Let the truth be told.

** We are informed that T. H. Tay lor and Spooner Harrison, of Halifax county, are working actively in their respective localities to get members of the Alliance to withdraw their funds from the State Agency. We promised to publish the names of all such persons and we hope our friends will send them in. Both of these parties withdrew from the Alliance last year. The public can now size them up.

** We are getting uneasy about the way things are going in North Caro lina. Some of the town folks are "go ing into politics." Monday last the municipal elections were held. Ashe ville elected an independent Mayor and her entire Board of Aldermen are of the same material. Rutherfordton elected Col. C. L. Harris Mayor. H. is a strong Populist and supported the entire People's party ticket last fall Democrats carried most of the other

** The Lenoir Topic, which is edited by an old, dried up batchelor, almost goes insane about the mistake this paper made in reference to Congress by writers of national reputation that Black, of Illinois, and which was explained in this paper last week. The Topic declares that Black, of Georgia, is a "member of the church" and a gentleman. Well, he is neither one "to hurt," or he would not be dishones enough to draw another man's salary

in Congress. of corn on his North Carolina farm. It discuss their interests and finally co-** The Greenville Reflector states as cost him \$7.50 per bushel, not counting operate in all things. Special efforts a religious fact that several editors had his own work. William should "diver- should be made to get and hold the to "rock the cradle" and couldn't at sify,"-raise half wheat-then it would young men of the country in the Allitend the Press Association. But that cost him only \$3.75 (?) per bushel to ance. Many of our best members are wasn't what kept Latham, of the raise his corn. He could easily sell the old men, but the recruits must come corn at 40 cents per bushel, and by so from the present generation. Most of doing and by avoiding "seats on goods | the old men who can be induced to boxes" and "store clothes" he would divorce themselves from their idols are soon "become fairly well off," if not already with us. But in the aggregate rich. You must diversify if you want there are quite a number who are not

** * Ward McAllister, the New York dude, is out in a new role. Commenting on the cost of a recent magnificent ball in that city, he declares that the "millionaires who patronized the ball ought to have plenty of fun for they many able papers are being started support the people of America." Ward throughout the country. A strong evidently is "going into politics." There are people running newspapers right here in North Carolina who and Ward is not much to blame. But is not done to propagate its growth it

The Southern Mercury makes thought, no doubt, when the legislathree app and to get up a programme would be so crippled that it would bence.

eventually be crushed. That was their schemes of mice and men gang aft aglee." They tackled the wrong set as a boomerang The reports and the denunciatory resolutions sent out by the Alliances show that the brethren feel the outrage deeply, says the Goldsboro Caucasian.

** Dr. Strong, of the Charlotte Democrat, and Col. Miller, of the Shelby Aurora are expected to keep the editors straight on grammar and perpetuate the English language. They are notified that there is an agravated case in Yadkin county which needs prompt attention. The Yadkin Ripple is the offender and here is the crime: "If you receive a copy of the Ripple and am not a subscriber, consider it an invitation to subscribe an send in a \$1." The Bakersville News recently reported a wedding and said: "After the ceremony the guests prepared to the dining room, where an elegant repast awaited them. Dr. Strong should take these culprits before the court at Concord if he can find out when court begins.

FORWARD IS THE WATCHWORD

There is a large element in this coun try who long to see the Alliance and its wonderful influence go down. Their wishes will not be gratified. Its mission is not half over yet, and we do not believe that it will be for many years to come. The Alliance has had a stormy existence. Enemies on the outside and trai ors inside have struck constant ** The Secretary of a Farmers' Club and powerful blows in the most vital spots. With the exception of a few passions of the people were easily aroused, when their prejudices were at the highest pitch, have been taken ad-** It is reported that an inactive vantage of by the press and politicians Order is seen rising again like a mighty giant who has been in repose.

Without a doubt the Alliance is the greatest and cheapest educational and fraternal organization in the world. I ple who live and grow rich because of the ignorance of the masses than any thing else. It has educated the people who are its members and friends and those who are not can no longer resist the influence. State legislatures are shaped by it Even Congress is falling a victim, and while the ladder is yet too short the leaven is working and sometime Congress will have to yield.

Many Alliances are in a comatose state, but the seeds have been scattered around, and many of them have fallen in good ground. Like grass seeds in winter they are only waiting for the warm sun and showers when they will gain spring up and grow luxuriantly.

It is the duty of active members, fficials and the reform press to drive tway the clouds and let the penetrating rays have full play once more. Let showers of fraternal feeling moisten the parched earth and a good crop will be sure to come. There are many good men who will again take their places in the ranks and there are thousands of men true as steel who can be induced to join. They have been waiting and watching and will no longer doubt the need of or usefulness of the Order. Everything must be built on a solid foundation and only solid material used. The sectional lines have been blotted out by the Alliance and now, as far as possible, party and local lines must be wiped out. Neighbors in the same business cannot afford to an tagonize each other. They may think differently, act differently, vote differ-* Bill Nye says he raised \$800 worth ently, but they must keep in touch, and they must not be lost sight of. Some of them will make zealous mem-

PLANT WALNUT TREES.

The Winston Sentinel makes the following practical suggestion, and we

heartily endorse it: A news item is going the rounds that a farmer in Watauga county recently sold a walnut tree on his premises for \$500. This valuable wood is yearly growing scarcer while the demand is annually increasing, and if something outside of an asylum when he is so ture, etc., made entirely or in part of walnut will be beyond the reach of any except the wealthiest people, Any man his children could easily do so by put-

POWER OF THE PRESS.

The press has a power that is irresis tible. Millionaires and all wealthy men know this better than the average per son, for they manage to own or control many of the influential papers of the world. Most of the wrongs that the people suffer are caused by this fact. The opinions of many papers as ex pressed, are not the reflections of the views held by the editors.

The Alliance press alone has a won derful power. The papers are not run in the old ruts. Freedom of thought is not handicapped. Truth is not suppressed, no apologies are offered for dishonesty. For this reason the Alli ance press ought to have the support of all people who want information about public affairs.

But we started out to make a sugges tion or two. In the United States there are between one and two thousand reform papers. A large number of them owe even their very existence to the Alliance organization. Those that do not are supported by similar organizations that are in harmony with the Alliance. A number of these papers have much influence and a large circulation. All have some influence for good or evil. Some of these papers are party papers strictly, but are friendly to the Alliance and recognize it as the base of the reform revolution. For that reason we have said that, without the existence of such an organization, at this particular time, there can be but little hope for reform, for the reason that all the reforms are not political, and owing to the fact that it is educational and turns out good voters and good citizens.

We want to see all these reform pa pers from now on devote much of their space and earnest attention to Alliance work, to organization work. Publish everything you can for the encourage ment of the membership. Uphold the workers and officials, advertise it, push it. If all the papers that are friendly to the Alliance will do this just one month a remarkable change will be the result.

We also want to see the members at work for all these papers. Put them into the hands of those who think with you and those who do not. Visit your neighbors and kindly tell them the importance of extending and perpetuat ing the Alliance. Give them facts and figures to prove that'you are not mis taken in what you say.

If the above suggestions are carried out, the result will astonish the world.

FOR BALLOT REFORM.

The Wilmington Messenger, Demoeratic, recently delivered itself of the following in favor of ballot reform:

"The Democracy of North Carolina are not well united. The last year was a very serious year. The Weaver gang did a great deal of harm, and it will be from the disintegration and strife. He is indeed a wise man with singular prescience who can foresee coming political events, and what will be the condition of politics in North Carolina four years hence.

"We take leave just here to reiterate our well considered, honest opinion that North Carolina now stands very much in need of a good election lawthe Australian or some other. Gross for contributions to help Bro. Wilson abuses have crept in that are dishonoring to the party and will bring con tempt and ruin upon it if persisted in. We know educated, able, high-toned gentlemen who are unswervingly Dem ocratic, who would prefer the triumph of the Third party to the triumph of the Democracy by resorting to low, dangerous, destructive methods at the ballo-box They have said so in our partyism a less evil than ballot abuses. Let us have reform here.'

Doubtless there are many Democrats who endorse what the Messenger says, but the trouble is they are not running the party. But the truth from unexpected sources is refreshing and we hope it will put honest men to think ing and cause them to realize that, if they did not aid directly in the dishon esty they lent their countenance and aid. But why didn't the Messenger say something sooner? Why wait until long after the legislature, the only body that can change the election laws, had adjourned? THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has denounced dishonest elections from the day it was started. We have exposed much of the rascality practiced last fall. It does not wait until times of peace to declare war, as the Messenger has done.

41416 NO DODGING NOW.

The News and Observer apparently cannot find where it "has said that gold is too scarce to form the only basis for money probably five hundred times in the past fourteen years." A recent issue of that paper recalls an having published matter reflecting time or they may stop for the present. burg Exchange,

upon Col. Polk personally, he should At any rate we have no sympathy. use the columns of his own paper in offer, for the men who were rich vamaking any explanation or appology. terday and are beggars to day and That need not be refered to again. The largely responsible for the state of editorials in question are what we want to publish now. Please reproduce them.

NATIONAL BANKING vs. COTTON GROWING.

The par value of the capital stock in the national banks of this country in 1872 was.....\$465,676,023 Net earnings that year.... 58,(75,430 Reduce this to 450 lb. bales of cotton

at the average price in New York that year and you have: Capital stock, bales.........5,715,444 | hopes you will employ all lawful means

The par value of the capital stock in the national banks was,

in 1892......\$679,076,650 00 Net earnings.......... 66,658,015.27 Reduce to 450 lb. bales of cotton at the average price of cotton in New York in 1892, and you have:

Capital stock, bales..... 20,120,795 Net earnings, bales......... 1,975,052 The net earnings for the 21 years

from 1872 to 1892 inclusive were \$1,152,557,112.23

Reduce to cotton in '92, bales..... We find the average cotton crop of that time, reduced to 450 lb. bales, was he, without warrant, suspends theer. 5,815,046 bales. Hence it appears that clusion law." starting in with the business after it had gotten up a full head of steam and was running at full speed in 1872, with a capital stock less in value than an average cotton crop, they have in 21 years increased that stock to an equiva lent of 20,120,705 bales, or 3,46 average crops, and have officially reported net earnings equivalent to 34,149,844 bales of cotton, or over 5.87 annual crops, and net annual earnings of 1,975,052

average annual cotton crop. These figures are not merely hatched Hoover, that he met his appointment up for buncombe, but the amounts are in our little town on the 19th inst., and taken from official reports, and the made us an excellent speech I calculations are correct, and you are showed his hearers why it was neces asked to think over these things and sary for the farmers to be organized decide if you can "where are we at," and that our enemies were trying to and "whether are we drifting." If a disorganize us. He dealt with trust business engaged in by so few compar atively can accumulate such enormous took up the Business Agency, showing wealth in so short a time at the expense | the benefit derived by trading through of the many producers of that wealth, is not something radically wrong? If around again soon, as he is doing good so, what is it and how shall we right it? | work. He is the right man in the right

NOW, NO DODGING.

The Charlotte Observer, of the 4th inst., says: "The Third party campaign last year was made on money taken from the Alliance fund." As a representative of the Alliance in the capacity of State organ, we demand | Hoover has just completed his appoint that the Observer prove this charge or ments in this county and has di make a retraction. This must be done | charged his duty nobly, faithfully and and done promptly. No excuses or dodges will be accepted. Neither will has been accomplished for our Order the indirect, absurd statements of such years before the old State will recover cattle as J. F. Bell and J. A. Stevens be taken as evidence. We demand the

YOU CAN'T DOWN A WORKING MAN.

Some of the Solomons who edit pa pers in North Carolina are very much Sunday we did not let him rest; excited because we published a request pay the court costs in his case. They hope there will be no responses, but disappointment awaits them. Acting as chairman of the Executive

Committee of the People's party was not the only crime Bro. Wilson was him, and long may he live to battle for guilty of. He had been an active and freedom's rights. successful lecturer for the State Busihearing. They believe that even Third ness Agency and this was one of the great causes for the persecution. Certain people hoped to crush him effectually. However, the Business Agency is going ahead just as it was before and lecturing is being done. When the crops are worked out Bro. Wilson will 112 years ago. Truly indeed stump the State in the interest of the Alliance on his own hook. No doubt the brethren will give him good crowds to speak to and see that he gets from one point to another without heavy ton Star. expense. This leads us to remark that ou can't keep a working man down.

THE MACHINE NEEDS OIL.

There has been some strange doin's in this State recently. The "machine" was smashed in Asheville at the municipal election and a reform Mayor and Board of Aldermen elected. At Hickory a prohibition candidate was elected Mayor. At Rutherfordton a Populist Mayor was elected. Really the machine on account of the visitors who atte must either be out of gear or else it needs "ile." Which is it?

THE FAILURES CONTINUE.

There is no abatement in the large failures throughout the world. Durinstance in which the editor of this ing the past week Wall street. New paper declined a communication that York, has been the principal stage for the editor of the News and Observer exhibiting the criminal folly of allowproposed to write in justice to Col. ing a few men to absorb the wealth of Polk. Our reasons for so doing, after the country. Friday was a veritable ** Some of the bitter partisans who desires to provide a patrimony for consenting to publish the article, were "Black Friday," almost equal to that rapidly in a creek near town given the editor of the News and Ob | memorable day in 1873. The end is server in a note, and were in substance not yet, and the world stands in eager of y a A line have a committee of ance charter that the organization thusands twenty five or thirty years that he had a paper of his own, and, anticipation. These failures may con-

affairs existing.

ONE GOVERNOR GROVER CAN'T BOSS.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 3.—The follow ing telegraphic correspondence to day passed between Secretary of State

Gresham and Governor Pennoyer. Washington, May 3 -Governor Sel vester Pennoyer, the Capitol, Salen Oregon: Apparently reliable report indicate danger of violence to the Ch nese when the exclusion act take effect, and the President earnestly

W. Q. GRESHAM Governor Pennoyer immediatele sent the following reply:

SALEM, Ore., May 3 -W. Q. Gresham Washington, D. C.: I will attend to my business. Let the President attend

SYLVESTER PENNOYER, GOVERNOR Governor Pennoyer, in speaking a reporter, said: "Gresham's telegram is an insult to Oregon. I will enforce the laws of the State, and the President should enforce the laws of Congress 34,149,844 It comes with poor grace for the Presi dent to ask me to enforce the law, while

GIVE THEM A CHANCE,

Now and then we hear folks say, "Every dog must have its day," Just as though he had no right If he chose to have a NIGHT. Durham Remoder

What the folks say is true, And it's beautiful thus to write; But if doggie is feeling blue, He should also have a bite.

BRO. HOOVER IN MOORE COUNTY

SWAN'S STATION, N. C. MR. EDITOR: - Please publish in you

bales, or more than one-third of the paper for the benefit of Bro. J. T. I and combines with heavy blows, and it. We would like for him to come place; is good on the stand and by our fire sides, as I had the pleasure of a tertaining him one night.

Fraternally, J. W. Burns

HAS DISCHARGED HIS DUTY.

VILLANOW, N.C. Mr. Editor:-The Rev. J. T. B zealously. We feel that much good and especially for the State Busine Agency, which he took great painst properly represent in a thorough bus ness-like manner. The addresses that he delivered throughout the county have had a wonderful effect upon our people. So impressed were we with the importance of utilizing the short period that he was to be with us that we used him night and day. Even on preached to a large gathering at the Baptist Church at this place. Many

people came for miles to hear him. The brother leaves us to day, an with him go the hearts of the peopl He can truthfully say verri bidi vic With plenty of Hoovers, plutocracy and oppression would play but a poor hand in this country. May God spare

> Fraternally. V. N. SEAWELL TAR DROPS.

Congress ought to pass a law givin very farmer \$100 with which to 'his a clerk."-Hickory Mercury.

The inventor of the hand organ di that men do. live after them."- Wilso Paderewski gets something out of

piano besides sound. He is said to have leared \$130,000 this year. - Wilming There are people who claim to trus the Lord who never feel safe at n

without a seven shooter.-Shell

The largest fish that we have hea of being caught in Clear creek t spring was three inches long and ba

according.—Concord Standard. Why does a railroad man give a got ernment official a pass? Why doesn't railroad benevolence help a farmer occasionally? - Winston Sentinel

Chicago can stand a good deal, the World's Fair, the Directors not permit certain kinds of nudes ary or paintings of nude subjects ! put on exhibition - Wilmington

There are a few persons in thi munity who send to the Reflecto to borrow a copy of the paper. though newspapers were print that purpose. It is a wonder the go into some of the stores and the loan of a pair of shoes a two. - Greenville Reflector.

Our engineer in the type setting partment reports that the fish last week that he had to get be tree to bait his hook in order to the fish from jumping up and ing the bait out of his hand - Las